

DNR UPDATES MARCH 2006

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1. Changes to 2005 annual report

We have a few minor revisions to the annual report to clarify or update reporting needs. The *Instructions Guide* provides guidance on filling out the annual report.

2. Recycling On-line Annual Reporting:

We continue our partnership with the UW Solid and Hazardous Waste Extension Center (SHWEC) to build upon the success of last year's roll-out of electronic on-line reporting. This year, the on-line report will be the default submittal format for all RUs for which we have an e-mail address, with the option to submit the report in hard copy. We encourage all RUs to use the electronic on-line report. Using it eliminates time consuming data entry, minimizes the potential for data entry errors, will save you considerable time and will enable us to process the data more quickly.

Keep your email address current: As we move towards more reliance on electronic communication, it is important that we have correct e-mail addresses for your responsible unit. Please confirm that the correct e-mail address is entered on the report form, and notify us during the year if it changes.

3. Trends in Recycling by Responsible Units

The total amount of recyclable materials collected by responsible units increased in 2004, compared to 2003- the second year in a row that we have been able to report an increase in tonnages. This data, along with other data on recycling by responsible units, total waste diversion and waste disposal, are available on the DNR Recycling website:

<http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/recycle/recycleldfrept/index.html>.

4. Revisions to Recycling Rules

The revisions to administrative rules related to recycling were authorized by the legislature in spring, with an effective date of July 1, 2005. The revisions eliminate obsolete references in the code, and clarify the original intent and scope of the recycling rules.

The Department has developed technical guidance to assist RUs and solid waste service providers and facilities in meeting new requirements or conditions adopted under the rule revisions. The following guidance documents are available at: <http://dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/publications/#recycling>

Notification of Recycling Requirements for Waste Haulers (WA 425-05)

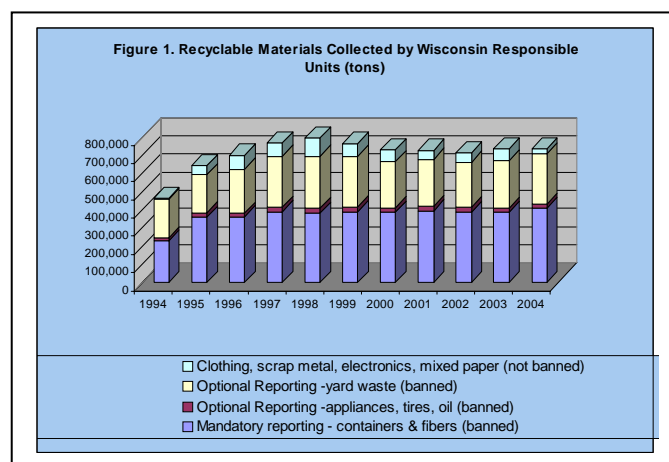
Revisions to Rules Related to Recycling NR 500 and 502 (WA 426-05)

Developing a Compliance Assurance Plan (WA 427-05)

Materials Recovery Facility Self Certification Requirements DNR 544.16 (WA 429-05)

Highlights of the revisions include:

1. Clarify scope of recycling requirements
2. Require RUs to complete a Compliance Assurance Plan (CAP) by August 1, 2006



3. Eliminate DNR approval requirement for RUs switching to a single stream collection
4. Require C&T licensed solid waste service providers to notify their clients of recycling requirements under state and local law
5. Require solid waste facilities related to recycling to be operated and maintained in an environmentally sound manner and not cause nuisance conditions.
6. Eliminate the exemption for waste tire processing facilities from solid waste processing requirements.

5. Governor's Task Force on Waste Materials Recovery and Disposal.

Governor Doyle's Blue Ribbon Task Force on Waste Materials Recovery and Disposal, formed earlier this year by executive order, has embarked on an 18-month examination of Wisconsin's waste and materials management policies. The Task Force is charged with studying and making recommendations regarding the economics of landfilling and recycling, maximizing the productive use of waste materials, and reducing the current environmental impacts and potential burdens to future generations caused by waste disposal and management practices. The Task Force has met six times since its kickoff meeting in August 2005. Since public input will be an important part of the Task Force's issue identification phase, the Task Force set aside time at the two meetings in Waukesha and Eau Claire to encourage public comment, and intends to hold similar sessions later in 2006.

The Task Force is composed of 20 members representing municipalities, public interest groups, waste disposal and recycling companies, and manufacturers and builders. Recommendations from the Task Force are due to the Governor by the end of 2006. For additional information on the Task Force, including committee members, meeting minutes and dates of future meetings, go to www.wasteresources.wi.gov.

6. New DNR recycling publications and outreach materials

Basic Composter – update of the popular “Complete Composter”

<http://www.dnr.wi.gov/org/aw/wm/publications/recycle/PUBWA182-05.pdf>

Recyclables – Too Valuable to Waste – DVD/VHS (5 minutes) Recycling keeps valuable materials out of Wisconsin landfills...creates jobs...and helps grow Wisconsin's economy. It's good for *all* of us.

Wisconsin- Where recyclables are too valuable to waste – Recycling Poster

(Contact Lindsey Miller for poster and Video at Lindsey.miller@dnr.state.wi.us)

Coming soon- updated *Recycling Waste Reduction and Recycling Program*

7. UW Extension – Solid and Hazardous Waste Education Center (SHWEC) resources: SHWEC has a number of fact sheets that can help you improve your program. These include:

- *Contracting for Collection Services*
<http://www3.uwm.edu/Dept/shwec/publications/cabinet/recycling/Contract%20Provisions.pdf>
- *Contracting for Municipal Solid Waste Services*
<http://www3.uwm.edu/Dept/shwec/publications/cabinet/pdf/Contracting%20for%20collection.pdf>
- *Enforcing Local Recycling and Solid Waste Ordinances*
<http://www3.uwm.edu/Dept/shwec/publications/cabinet/recycling/Enforcing%20Local%20Recycling.pdf>
- *Home Composting Resources*
<http://www3.uwm.edu/Dept/shwec/publications/cabinet/composting/Home%20Composting%20Resources2.pdf>
- *Material Recycling Facility Quality Improvement Program*
<http://www3.uwm.edu/Dept/shwec/publications/cabinet/pdf/MRF%20QIP%20Brochure.pdf>

For more publications, check out the SHWEC website at <http://www.uwex.edu/shwec/>